

**For Immediate Release:**

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Campbell County School District #1 announces that it will be extending Spring Break for two weeks due to COVID-19 following full consideration of the recommendations from local and State health officials, Governor Mark Gordon, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow. The closure will remain in effect through Friday, April 3, and we will continue to monitor the situation and adjust if necessary. Presently, schools are set to reopen on Monday, April 6. We recognize that this is uncharted territory and that difficult decisions are likely both now and in the future.

We appreciate the patience and support of the community as we weighed all options, coordinated with local public health officials, worked with the Wyoming Department of Education, and sought answers and solutions to potential challenges. We know that our decision impacts everyone in our county and creates hardships for many families. We will do our very best to be a great community partner in areas where we can have a positive impact. One such area is providing food service to students. The District will be releasing information about meal service in the near future.

The District will not have any formal distance-learning activities during the extended Spring Break as this approach does not allow for equitable access for ALL students as required. We will be reviewing this issue and may have further information in the near future, including providing information for optional online learning resources for parents.

In an announcement late yesterday, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow utilized her authority to reduce the required number of operational days (185) and instructional days (175) by the number of days that are currently calendared through April 3. We appreciate Superintendent Balow for exercising her authority on behalf of public health, safety, and welfare. At this time, the current District calendar remains the same as far as ending dates and graduation. If the closure is extended, additional measures will have to be considered both locally and at the State level.

While schools are closed, essential staff will be working in our schools and District buildings to ensure operations continue so that we can prepare to reopen. Building use by outside groups will be suspended immediately. Future updates will be provided on our District website at [www.ccsd.k12.wy.us](http://www.ccsd.k12.wy.us).